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To whom it may concern:

I feel that the proposed Microsoft settlement falls short in many ways, in its goal to remedy Microsoft's monopoly position. There are many loop-holes Microsoft can use (as it surely will, given its history of outright law-breaking) to continue its exclusionary and predatory business practices. For an excellent document describing many of the problems in detail, please see Dan Kegel's comments at <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html>. I whole-heartedly agree with his sentiments as stated in that document.

The proposed settlement does not force Microsoft to release its stranglehold--it merely forces it in some cases to use loopholes, and leaves many problems untouched. I believe that unless a much stronger solution is put in place, Microsoft will continue to hold its monopoly and the technical industry will continue to suffer. There will be no forward progress in the computing industry as long as there is a giant to stomp out every flame of innovation that does not line its pocketbook in some way.

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